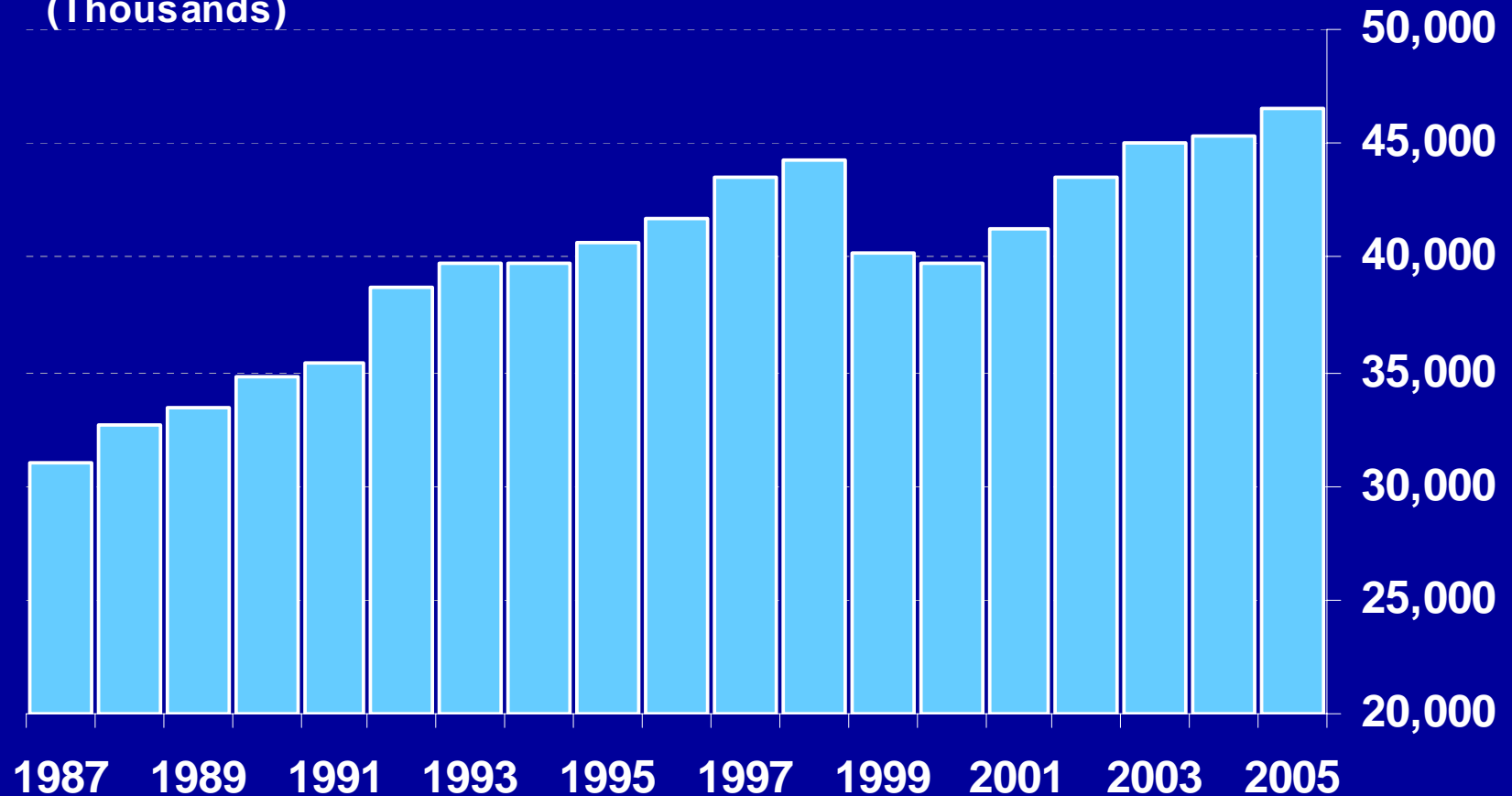


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Number of People Not Covered by Private or Government Health Insurance

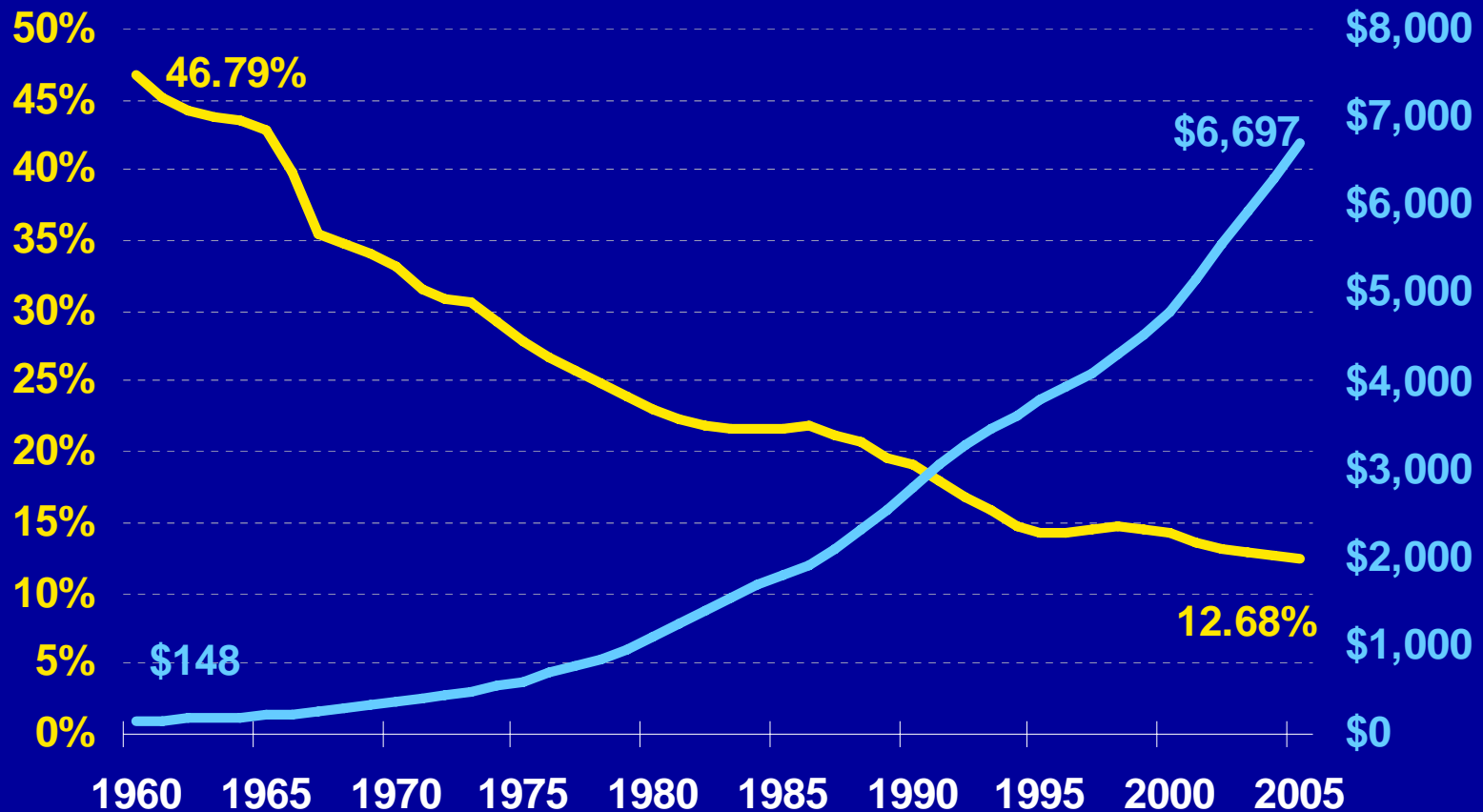
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Data Source: Census Bureau

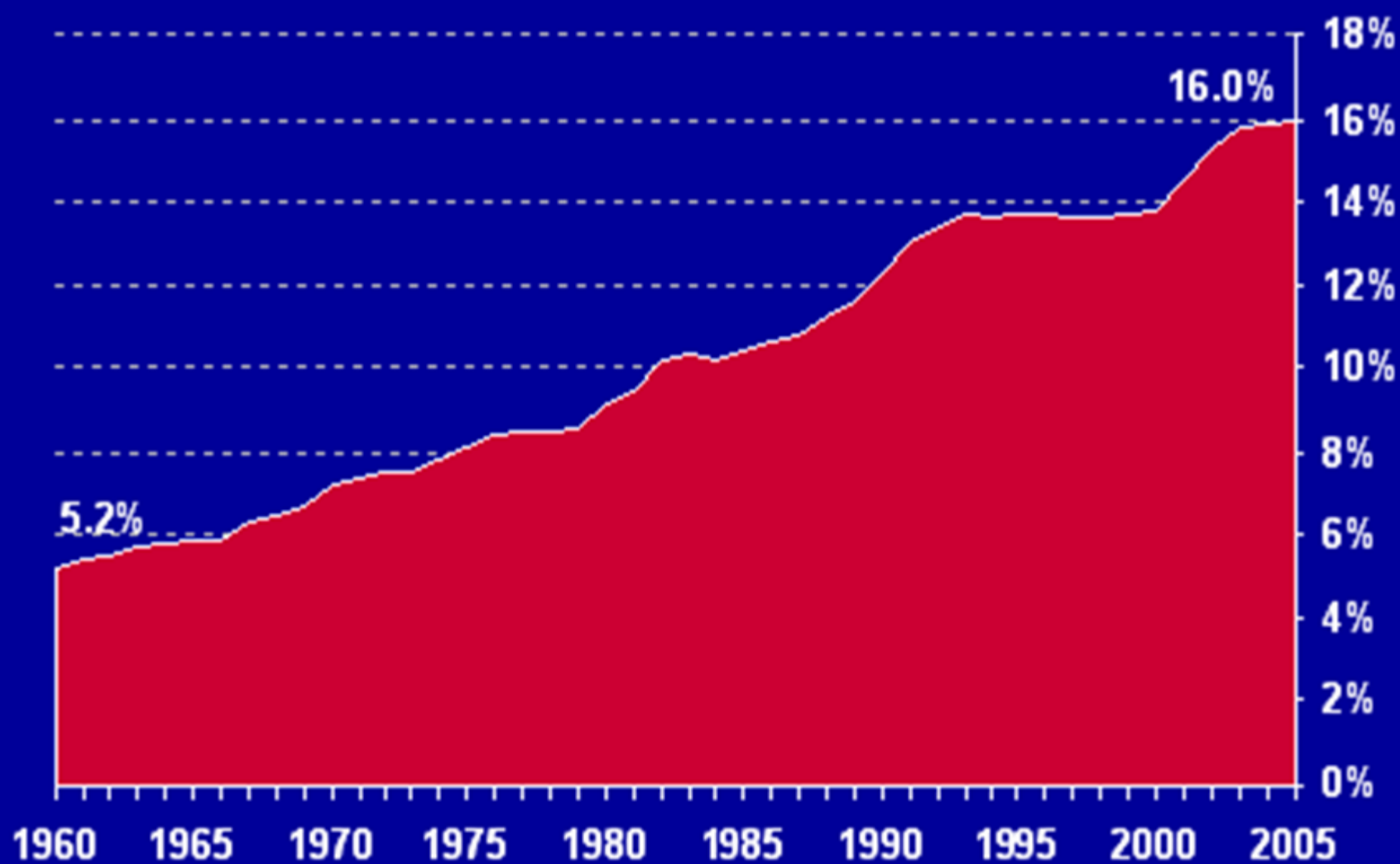
Healthcare Spending Trends, 1960-2005

Out-of-Pocket Share Falls and **Per Capita Spending Rises**



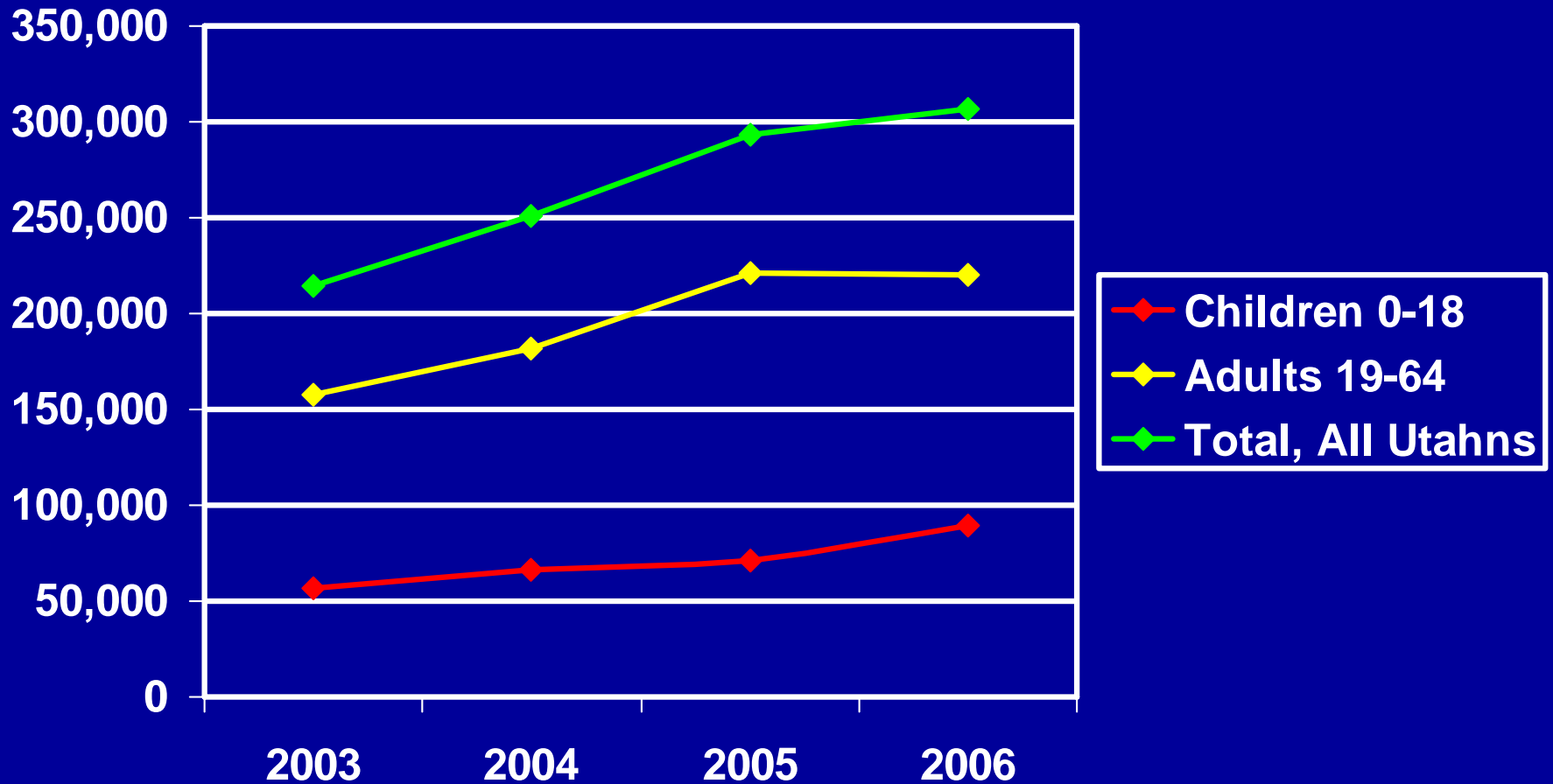
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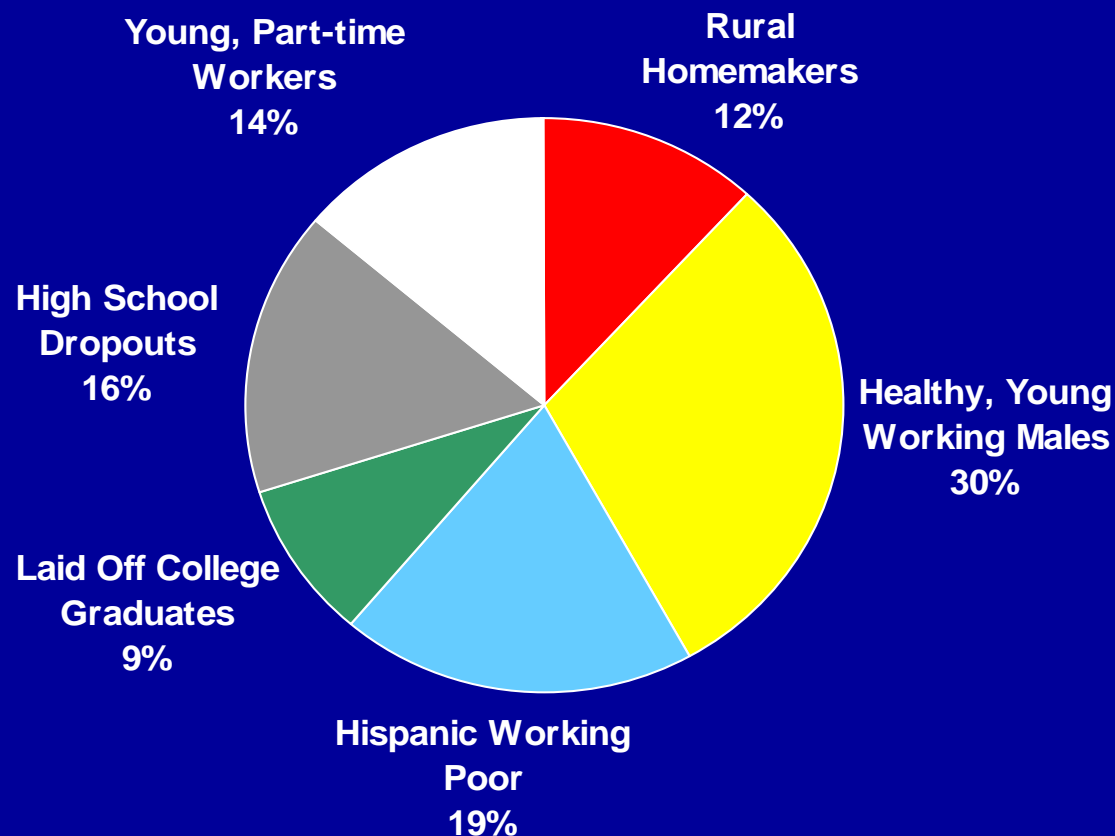


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Uninsured Utahns in 2006



Demographic Segments of Uninsured in Utah, 2006



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- Portability
- Individual Access
- Healthy Behavior
- Tax Reform
- Market Forces

Portability

- Coverage follows the individual
- Cannot be denied coverage based on age, gender, industry or health status
- Not only is insurance affordable, but individuals always have access to coverage

Individual Access

- Guaranteed private coverage for all Americans
- Individual ownership of health care coverage
- Ensures choice similar to members of Congress

Healthy Behavior

- Promotes personal responsibility and prevention
- Discounted premiums for participation in wellness and chronic disease management programs
- Rewards providers for helping their patients stay healthy

Tax Reform

- Severs the link between employer and health insurance
- Strengthens incentives for families to seek lower cost coverage by establishing a new “health premium” tax deduction

Atmosphere for Reform

- States
- Labor
- Business
- Congress

Health Care Reform in the States

State with Reform

- Massachusetts

States with Initiatives

- California
- Connecticut
- Minnesota
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Washington

States with Commissions

- Colorado
- Illinois
- Louisiana
- Maine
- New Mexico
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Wisconsin

Labor

“It is time for fundamental, not incremental change, and [Healthy Americans Act is] a plan that is practical and principled, and sets down a moral test...On behalf of the 1.9 million members of SEIU and their families, and as the largest union of health care workers, we believe [Healthy Americans Act makes] a critical contribution to the debate that Congress must attend to next year.”

Andy Stern, President, SEIU

Business

“[The Healthy Americans Act is] an innovative proposal that lays a foundation to begin a serious discussion on health care reform in this country. Our nation is facing a crisis that requires immediate attention. Working together, business, labor, government, consumer groups and health care providers can collectively solve this problem.”

Steve Burd, CEO, Safeway

Congress

- Start where we can agree
- Direction we need to be going
- Strong bi-partisan support
- Public desire for health care reform, but also for Congress to do *something*

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